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"Of a small size; not uncommon in 12 f. sand, Simon's Bay, Cape of Good Hope. Color white, suckers red."—(W. Stimpson.)

Also a species of *Brissus* allied to the *Brissus carinatus* Lamk ,Gaspé Straits, collected by Capt. Rodgers, who states them to be very common on the beaches there.

The Reports of the Recording Secretary and of the Curators were read, as follow:

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY,

For 1863.

During the year ending 30th November, 1863, there have been elected sixteen members and eight correspondents.

The following members have died: Mark W. Collet, M. D., John McCanless, John Y. Clark, M. D.. Edward Harris.

The death of the following Correspondents has been announced:

Samuel R. Wetherill, of Burlington, N. J.; Rev. James H. McFarland, U. S. Army; Dr. William Darlington, West Chester, Pa.; Prof. C. G. C. Reinhardt, Leyden; Benj. D. Green, of Boston, Mass.; Asahel Clapp, New Albany, Indiana; Charles W. Short, M. D., Louisville, Ky.; S. P. Hildreth, M. D., Marietta, Ohio; Ebenezer Emmons, of North Carolina; Chevalier A. C. Bernardi, of Paris.

One member has resigned.

The number of papers contributed and ordered to be published during the same time, has been sixty-eight, as follows:

By Theodore Gill, twenty-four; George W. Tryon, Jr., eight; Isaac Lea, LL.D., seven; John Cassin, four; Elliott Coues, M. D., U. S. A., three; Messrs. T. A. Conrad, James Lewis, M. D., E. D. Cope, Jacob Ennis, W. T. March and S. F. Baird, each two; Charles C. Abbott, Alexander Winchell, E. Durand, Samuel Ashmead and Thomas P. James, Asa Gray, James A. Grant, M. D., George N. Lawrence, Horatio C. Wood, M. D., Wm. Stimpson, Thomas B. Wilson, M. D., and John Cassin, Robert Kennicott, Felipe Poey and J. C. Brevoort, J. C. Brevoort and S. S. Haldeman, each one.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. HOWARD RAND, M. D.,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CURATORS.

For 1863.

The Curators announce the following list of donations of objects of natural history to the Academy during the year just closing.

Mammals.—Of these 6 species were presented by Drs. Jos. C. Martindale, and James A. Grant, Mr. Matson and Mr. Foulke. Dr. I. I. Hayes also presented a fine mounted specimen of the Esquimaux dog of pure breed.

Birds.—Mr. B. F. Saurmann presented 80 mounted specimens of 52 species of American birds, and Dr. Jos. C. Martindale, mounted specimens of 22 species. Seven specimens were also presented by John Krider, T. Beesley, Gen. Pleasantson and others.

Reptiles.—The Smithsonian Institution presented 150 specimens of 95 species of North American serpents, many of them types of Baird and Girard. A collection of reptiles from Hilton Head, S. C., was presented by